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In re application of:

Applicant : Sadeg M. Faris  
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Title of Invention : ELECTRO-OPTICAL BACKLIGHTING PANEL FOR USE IN  
COMPUTER-BASED DISPLAY SYSTEMS AND PORTABLE  
LIGHT PROJECTION DEVICE FOR USE THEREWITH  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 17, 2001

SIR:

In Response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2001, please amend the present Application as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please rewrite the Abstract of Invention as follows:

ABSTRACT OF INVENTION

An electro-optical backlighting panel construction for use in portable computer-based systems having direct and projection viewing modes of operation. In the illustrative embodiments of the present invention, the electro-optical backlighting panel is integrated with a LCD display panel, a micropolarization panel, and a touch-screen writing panel to provide several different types of portable computer-based systems including, for example, a portable notebook computer, a computer-driven image display device, and a portable pen-computing device. In general, each of these computer-based systems are capable of selectively displaying color video images on an actively driven display surface, or projecting such video images onto a wall surface or projection screen. These computer-based systems can be easily reconfigured for projection viewing without any sort of physical modification to the LCD display panel assembly.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendments set forth above and remarks below.

Applicant provisionally elects species A for prosecution on the merits and identifies Claims 1, 2-7 as reading on the elected species of invention, shown in Figs. 14, and 14A.

Applicant has also rewritten the Abstract of the Disclosure in order to comply with the regulations set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b).